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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, paragraph [0003], line 4:

[0003] Indocyanine green (ICG) is a well-known fluorescent dye. The dye is presently marketed by Akorn, Inc. (Buffalo Grove, Illinois) under the trademark IC GREENTM. ICG is presently supplied as a lyophilized powder (25 mg) for reconstitution with 5 ml sterile water for injection (WFI), or for reconstitution at 20 mg/ml in WFI. The reconstituted ICG composition (at 5 mg/ml) should be used within 10 hours, with any unused portion being discarded.